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TO: ALL COUNTY MEDICAL SERVICES PROGRAM (CMSP)
WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2002-03 CMSP ELIGIBILITY ALLOCATIONS

Enclosed with this letter is a Table depicting the CMSP Eligibility Allocations for FY 2002-03. This information is being sent to you for *planning purposes only*. The final allocation amount is unknown at this time.

The Table includes a number of columns that were used in calculating the allocation for FY 2002-03. These are based on the following actions taken by both the Eligibility Committee and the CMSP Governing Board:

- **FY 2000-01 CMSP Eligibility Administration.** For FY 2000-01 eligibility administration costs, the Governing Board approved allocations to all CMSP counties that would fully reimburse their actual, claimed FY 2000-01 costs. This action required the Governing Board to increase funding for eligibility administration in the amount of \$925,938 for a total cost of \$16.1 million.
- **FY 2001-02 CMSP Eligibility Administration.** For FY 2001-02 eligibility administration costs, the Governing Board approved allocations to each CMSP county that were **based** on each county's actual, claimed FY 2000-01 costs. The Board took further action stipulating that for FY 2001-02, counties would be allocated their FY 2000-01 allocation amounts or their actual FY 2001-02 costs, whichever is less. No additional funding was allocated to counties for FY 2001-02 eligibility administration.

Exception criteria to FY 2001-02 Eligibility Administration. This would allow for a change to a county's FY 2001-02 eligibility allocation. The Board approved criteria that allows a county to be eligible to receive additional funding for eligibility administration equal to the county's FY 2001-02 expenditure level if the county underspent its allocation in any four of the five prior fiscal years (FY 1996-97).

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through FY 2000-01) and the county overspent its eligibility allocation in FY 2001-02. The board authorized up to \$250,000 for this purpose. However, total funding for costs associated with the exception criteria are limited so that total expenditures for eligibility administration in FY 2001-02 are not greater than the amount approved in the FY 2001-02 Budget.

- **FY 2002-03 CMSP Eligibility Administration.** For FY 2002-03 eligibility administration costs, the Governing Board approved an allocation methodology using cost per workload unit (based on the size of the county), the number of workload units and application of the National Wage Index for those counties in areas with higher costs of doing business. There would be a limit to the maximum change applied to the proposed FY 2002-03 allocations to plus (+) or minus (-) ten percent above or below the county's final FY 2001-02 allocation.

Reductions to FY 2002-03 CMSP Eligibility Administration. Allocations to county welfare departments for CMSP eligibility administration will be reduced by ten percent beginning January 1, 2003. This reduction will result in a total five percent reduction in each county's FY 2002-03 allocation from the amount provided in FY 2001-02. Beginning in FY 2003-04, it will result in a ten percent reduction from the amount provided to the county in FY 2001-02.

If you have any questions regarding this notification, please direct them to me by mail (address on letterhead), telephone (916) 322-1478, or fax (916) 323-3350.



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CMSP PROPOSED ELIGIBILITY ALLOCATION TABLE FY 2002-03
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